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## Alderman Johnson to help dedicate new park named for Gwen T. Jackson

Alderman Cavalier Johnson will be joined by Mayor Tom Barrett and others this afternoon to help dedicate Gwen T. Jackson Triangle Park on Milwaukee's northwest side.

The dedication ceremony will take place at **2:30 p.m.** <u>TODAY</u> (Thursday, June 22) at N. 68<sup>th</sup> and W. Hampton Ave. Alderman Johnson and Mayor Barrett will be joined by former 2<sup>nd</sup> District Alderman Joe Davis, Sr., City Engineer Jeff Polenske of the Department of Public Works, representatives of the state Department of Transportation and Ms. Gwen T. Jackson. Media coverage is invited.

"Gwen T. Jackson is an inspiration to me and many others for her selfless dedication to helping her fellow citizens and I am looking forward to dedicating this special public asset in her name," Alderman Johnson said.

Ms. Jackson is a well-known retired human resources vice president and volunteer who participated extensively in American Red Cross leadership at the local, regional and national level. She has also been recognized with awards for her work on issues regarding Early Childhood Development and child care services and as a strong advocate for improving the lives of older adults, women, and disadvantaged children.

The new park was created in conjunction with the W. Fond du Lac Ave. reconstruction project in 2016. The triangular public right of way bounded by W. Fond du Lac Ave., N. 68th St. and W. Hampton Ave. has been improved with landscaping and will feature benches as part of the project utilizing the Wisconsin Department of Transportation's Community Sensitive Design program.